

REMARKS


Applicants respectfully request that the forgoing amendment be entered before examination of this application.

Applicants have eliminated the redundant term "at least," because, in U.S. practice, an article ("a", "an") normally encompasses one and or more than one, and a counted element normally encompasses either the number counted or more than the number.

Applicants have adjusted the grammar to emphasize that claim 1 does not require more than one "prestressing means," "measuring means," or "treatment means."

If the Examiner has any questions about this amendment, applicants' representative would appreciate discussing this amendment with the Examiner. Applicant's representative can be reached at 703-684-4840.

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